

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated November 18, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 18, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Supplemental Reissue Declaration

The Examiner stated that the claims have been amended in response to Office Actions, as such the errors corrected by the latter amendments were not covered by the original declaration. Therefore, Applicants must acknowledge that these errors arose without deceptive intent by filing a supplemental reissue declaration as required in MPEP 1414. In response, Applicants submit herewith a supplemental reissue declaration. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the case.

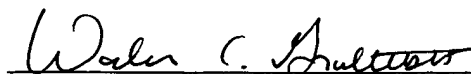
Claims

The Examiner stated that claims 35-43, as listed in the amendment filed December 11, 2003, are not in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.173(d) because they are not entirely underlined and includes brackets. In response, Applicants have underlined the claims as indicated in the claims section. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the case.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issued set out in the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicants undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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